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FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 29 million pounds or 3.4 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2017. This was down 2 million pounds from the July - September 2017 quarter, and 2 million pounds or 233,000 gallons less than the October - December quarter of 2016. The number of dairy cows averaged 7,000 head, down 500 head from the previous quarter, and down 1,000 head from the same period in 2016.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.1 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.40 million head, 3,000 head less than the July - September quarter, but 55,000 head more than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

